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In re Application of:

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and Chengyong Jiang

Serial No.: 10/081,935

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For: PEPTIDE AND DNA IMMUNIZATION

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Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Baskar, P.

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AMENDMENT; AND RESPONSE TO SECOND AND FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION DATED OCTOBER 22, 2004

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Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments, which are proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. A response to the second and final Office Action dated October 22, 2004 ("the second Action") is also submitted within two months, and the Examiner is requested to consider the remarks therein. The response confirms allowance of claims 33-45, as agreed in a telephone interview, and re-examination, reconsideration and allowance of claims 33-45 are therefore respectfully requested.



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U.S. Application Serial No. 10/081,935; Entitled "Peptide and DNA Immunization Against Coccidioides Immitis Infections"; Cox, Magee and Jiang; Client Ref. 2000-28-UTIL1

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:

- (1) An Amendment; and Response to Second and Final Office Action dated October 22, 2004, with Applicants' Interview Summary; and
- (2) A return postcard to evidence receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and return the postcard.

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No fees should be due. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/4003.001800.

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